

# Business

## Houston Pace to open Friday

PACE Membership Warehouse Inc. opens its first Houston warehouse Friday, Oct. 30 at Interstate 45 and West Road.

The warehouse will open at 9 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Festivities planned for that day include drawings for a new Jeep and four vacation trips.

The 136,000-square-foot facility is the first store to open in a planned Kmart "power center" that will include a Kmart store and a Builders Square. PACE and Builders Square are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Michigan-based Kmart Corporation.

Upon completion, PACE will employ approximately 150 local residents.

PACE sells top-quality, name-brand merchandise at wholesale prices to its membership, comprised of small businesses and qualified individuals. The Houston club also features a 7,000-square-foot fresh foods department with fresh-cut meats, an on-site bakery, and a large selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We are very pleased to be opening in Houston," said Dave Fenno, director of the new PACE. "We are confident that Houston area residents will find an enhanced shopping experience with us. While the warehouse concept features a no-frills atmosphere, one frill is not missing at PACE: customer satisfaction. Everything, including the membership fee, is unconditionally guaranteed."

Fenno said hours of operation for the warehouse are: Monday-Friday 8 to 11 a.m. (business members only); Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all members); Saturdays 8 to 10 a.m. (business members only); Saturdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all members); Sundays 10 to 11 a.m. (business members only); Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (all members).

PACE offers three types of memberships. Business membership is available to businesses of any size; carries a \$25 annual fee. Business members shop at posted prices and may obtain a company card and up to five secondary cards at an annual fee of \$10 each. The primary card holder may obtain a spouse card at no additional charge.

Premier membership is open to qualified individuals who pay a \$25 annual fee. Premier members also shop at the posted warehouse prices, and may obtain a spouse card at an annual \$10 fee.

Individual membership is open to qualified individuals who are members of selected groups and it carries no annual fee. Members pay five percent above the posted prices on all purchases.